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Last Thursday, the 2009 Best New Product Awards were announced to a waiting audience. If you haven't heard of them, perhaps you should.

"It's based on a random survey involving over 25,000 Canadian consumers," explains Robert Levy, President of BrandSpark (the company behind the Best New Product Awards), "so it really is a window on the Canadian principal grocery shopper; it's national, and it's both English and French."

The criteria of any winner of a Best New Product Award, says Robert, is based on two equal factors: "If you don't find the product appealing - either the packaging or the name or what it is - you're not going to buy it. And if you aren't satisfied in a way that it met your needs and met your expectations and power with less packaging, and this was and that you're prepared to purchase it again... we developed this methodology with marketers to make it as close as possible to a real life situation – so it's as close as it can be to the recommendation of a friend."

In the food category, the emphasis was on convenience and nutrition - with a side of sweet-toothed indulgence, of course. For personal care, the majority tended to lean towards branding that smacked of guilty pleasures and lasting satisfaction. In environmental household products, concerns were prevalent. Throughout the categories, ultimately, consumers made it clear that they are looking to get more bang for their buck through more concentration

reflected in this year's Awards.

"Metro is delighted to be a sponsor of the Best New Product Awards this year," enthuses Bill McDonald, Metro's English Canada Group Publisher. "Very much like the innovation Metro offers to readers and advertisers alike, these awards celebrate innovative new consumer packaged goods products as chosen by consumers. At Metro we take great lengths to listen to our readers through programs like the Metro Life Panel, letters to the editor, etc. Our participation in the Best New Product Awards is an extension of that commitment to listen."

By Lori Dance

2009 Best New Product Award Winners

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- ✓ Herbal Essences Long Term Relationship Shampoo

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- ✓ Pulsar Pro-Health Manual Toothbrush
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- ✓ Sun Rype 100% Juice
- √ Tide 2x Liquid
- ✓ Vaseline Cocoa Butter Body Lotion



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Olympic rink limited by the weather

CITY Mechanical problems have prompted skating restrictions at Olympic Plaza

The ice plant has been shut down due to the unavailability of replacement parts, meaning that the ice is subject to weather conditions and will be treated as an outdoor rink.

Calgarian Derek
Mortson still plans to
skate at the rink, and isn't
upset that the city isn't
rushing to fix the
machine.

"I think there are more important things the city could do with their money in these important times," he said.

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Netherlands Nine die in Turkish Airlines plane crash



A passenger, wearing a thermo blanket walks away from a Turkish Airlines passenger plane that crashed while attempting to land at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport yesterday. The plane broke up into three pieces when it hit the ground next to the runway. Nine people among 134 abord the plane died, another 25 were severly hurt, six are in critical condition. More coverage, page 8.

Fashion **Week**

Metro's Kenya Hunt explains why London Fashion Week had a celebratory vibe to it, with details on all the latest fashion

Riding the Recession

Through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

Looking for a place to eat that won't leave a hole in your wallet? Check out Metro's Meal for a Steal, pg 16 • Wine columnist Peter Rockwell introduces us to some budget vintages, pg 17

Missing skier dies

Questions arise after couple stranded with no help

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A woman is dead after she and her husband were missing for 10 days despite four SOS distress signals carved into the snow of the Rocky Mountains, according to officials.

What can only be described as a tragic ending to a terrible ordeal for Quebec couple 51-year-old Gilles Blackburn and 44-year-old Marie Jose Fortin, has left questions of how the tourists were stranded for over a week without help, despite repeated attempts to alert authorities.

The couple were skiing at

"It's just terrible, it's very tragic."

Cpl. Annie Linteau

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in Golden, B.C., for the Valentine's Day weekend when they got lost in the back country Feb. 15. According to authorities, they were not prepared for the conditions and didn't have food or water, except for two granola bars.

When help finally reach Blackburn, his wife had already succumbed to the conditions days earlier, according to RCMP.

"It's just terrible, it's very tragic" Cpl. Annie Linteau of the RCMP said.

Purcell Helicopter Skiing initially spotted the first SOS in the snow on Feb. 17 and notified Golden Search and Rescue. On Feb. 21, they saw two more SOS symbols in the snow and this time contacted Golden RCMP.

But according to Linteau, no searches were conducted because after checking with the ski resort, there was no missing equipment or cars left behind.

"All enquiries met with negative results that might have surfaced evidence that anyone was missing and as such a ground search was not launched," the RCMP stated.

Jordan Petrovics,

spokesperson for Kicking Horse, said the resort employees conducted a base area search when they first heard about the tracks and SOS symbols, but learned about the rescue search on Tuesday.

"We're not saying too much else right now because the RCMP has taken the investigation over," he said, but in a statement they sent their condolences to the family.

Linteau said the couple was reported missing in Montreal on Monday but before authorities were contacted in Golden, they had already been found.

Blackburn is recovering in hospital with frostbite.

Millarville will 'come together': Expert

JENNIFER HILLIKER for Metro Calgary



TRAGEDY The small community impacted by the death of seven-year-old Brandon Kruggel will bond together in this time of tragedy, according to a local psychotherapist.

A vehicle struck Kruggel Tuesday morning prior to him boarding his bus to school on a rural road southwest of Calgary. The teenage driver of the vehicle allegedly failed to stop for the bus' flashing lights and passed the bus, hitting the boy.

Maver Eagle, with Master's Counseling Services, said because of Millarville's size, community members will be able to share their grief and express their sadness in a healthy way.

"They will come together and support the family," Eagle said.
"They're also going to really support the young man that hit the boy — that is an equal tragedy. A young life has been ruined, and how the community handles the tragedy is going to have a major impact on this young man."

Eagle said Millarville parents will likely take preventative measures to make sure a similar incident doesn't happen to their child.

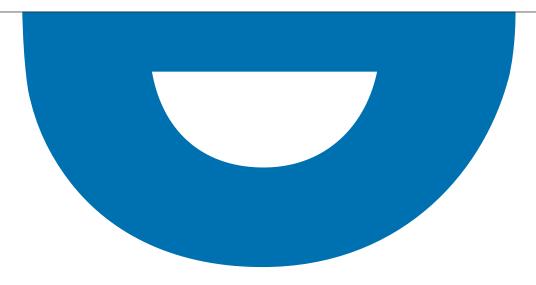
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Two Calgary men have been charged with drug trafficking and weapons offences after a search warrant executed in Falconridge on Tuesday. Issa Ali Issa, 25, and Yussuf Saed Yussuf, 23, face numerous charges in relation. METRO EDMONTON

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Unearth home, garden ideas

More than 450 home and garden specialists are bringing their expertise and products to the Home and Garden Show at the Roundup Centre this weekend. Organizers say it could offer a good chance to take advantage of the home renovation tax credit introduced in January by the federal government. METRO EDMONTON

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300,000 homes to get recycling carts

ENVIRONMENT The city will soon make it easier for Calgarians to recycle.

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Young woman dies in crash More Calgarians using less water,

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A young woman was killed yesterday during the early morning commute after her car lost control and was struck by a gravel truck, police say.

Duty Insp. Rob Williams said the blue Dodge Neon was heading eastbound on Glenmore Trail just before 8 a.m. when it lost control on the icy roads and spun over the median before being struck by the westbound gravel truck.

Police believe the victim was 19 years old.

"It's tragic. We believe she was killed instantly. (The driver) of the semi is prettv shaken up," Williams said.

"The roads are icy and we believe the conditions and weather were a fac-

EMS arrived quickly, but the woman was pronounced dead on scene, and firefighters had to extricate her from the vehi-



A 19-year-old woman was killed after police believe her car lost control and was struck in the path of an oncoming gravel truck yesterday morning at Glenmore Trail and Crowchild Trail.

cle hours after the colli-

Glenmore Trail was shut down for several hours, just reopening again before lunch while crews reconstructed the scene.

Dana Leigh, 23, was

caught in the snarled up traffic but said despite the delay she was only concerned about the victim.

"That's just terrible. I just kept thinking that could have been anyone, it's really sad," she said.

Williams said charges will not be laid against the driver of the gravel truck and the traffic unit is continuing the investigation. The victim's name is being withheld until an autopsy is complete.

says city report

UTILITIES Calgarians are becoming more water-savvy as the years go on, according to the city's latest water efficiency report.

Calgary continues to stay below 2003 water usage levels, even though there are 120,000 more Calgarians using water, the city said, adding they are on track to meet its goal to reduce water consumption by 30 per cent over 30 years.

'City technology incentives, programs and education campaigns are helping Calgarians use water more wisely in the home and in business," said Nancy Stalker, of the water resources department.

While the results were positive, the city would still like to see more growth in universal water metering. Currently 82 per cent of Calgarians have meters, but there are still 53,400 flat rate accounts. The city installed 9,000 new water meters in 2008. KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY



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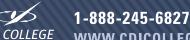
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Mount Royal College to celebrate birthday with new logo
To celebrate its 100th birthday in 2011, Mount Royal College will be unveiling a new logo. Two finalists in a contest already held will be chosen at 4 p.m. today. Students, staff and faculty will be voting on their choice in March. The winner will receive \$1000 and have their logo be the face of centennial celebrations. METRO CALGARY

Mustard Seed says thanks for 25 years

To celebrate its 25th birthday, the Mustard Seed is doing what it does best: Giving gifts to others.

Yesterday at EMS headquarters, Pat Nixon, CEO of the Mustard Seed, presented EMS services and the Centre City Team — which focuses on innercity work — with a plaque featuring dozens of signa-

tures and thank-yous from

people the team has helped at the Seed.

"You're on the top of the list as to who we want to show our appreciation to," Nixon said at the unveiling ceremony.

But the plaque couldn't contain them all — Nixon rolled out about another four feet of paper with more expressions of gratitude from residents at the centre.

Ryan Collyer, a Centre City Team member for a year and a half, said it was a fantastic and touching gesture that meant more than a "canned" plaque could ever mean.

"To me it shows we're making a difference," Collyer said, adding that it's been an excellent experience for him.

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Woman launches suit against Ticketmaster

A Winnipeg woman has launched a class-action lawsuit against concert ticket giant Ticketmaster for overcharging, CBC.ca reports. According to the woman's lawyer, her daughter bought tickets through a Ticketmaster subsidiary for around \$200 each when the original ticket price was just \$57. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Singer opposes quarry plan

composed to protest plans for a quarry near her Burlington, Ont., home. The Juno-award winning singer has helped to start a citizens' group, Protecting Escarpment Rural Land, which is opposing a bid to open an 80-hectare pit on the Niagara Escarpment, designated as a World Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

more transparency

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper should take a lesson from U.S. President Barack Obama and force federal departments to become more open and accountable to Canadians, an NDP MP

But as U.S. government agencies are being told to open up, federal departments in Ottawa remain mired in a "culture of secrecy," NDP MP Pat Martin said yesterday.

At the heart of the problem is an outdated Access to Information law that is openly flaunted by bureaucrats keen to stifle public demands for information, said Martin (Winnipeg Centre).

"Users of the Access to Information Act know that the system is broken. It's

dysfunctional, doesn't dysfunctional, doesn't work anymore," Martin said. "People are frustrated by unnecessary delays, unnecessary costs and a failure to comply with the very specific requirements of the act," he said.

The extent of those problems is expected to be driven home this morning when Information Commissioner Robert Marleau releases several reports about how Ottawa handles Access to Information requests.

The news is not expected to be good for a Conservative government that came into office in 2006 pledging more openness and accountability but instead has seen complaints about government foot-dragging on access requests skyrock-TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NDP member calls for Green talk relieves PM

But Canadian oil will continue to flow south, Harper says

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he is breathing a sigh of relief that U.S. President Barack Obama is serious about climate change, but the pace of change in Washington could leave him struggling to catch his breath.

From world-leading automobile fuel standards to a clean energy surge and greenhouse gas restrictions, the U.S. is set to accomplish over the next year what Canada has been promising for a decade.

While the Tories have put pollution regulations on hold until the American playbook becomes clearer, Obama called Tuesday in his address to Congress for an emissions cap-and-trade

Mexico — The other partner

• Despite the promise of deeper co-operation to fight global warming, there are signs U.S. President Barack Obama's kindred climate change spirit lies not in Canada, but in Mexico. Sources say that Mexican President Felipe Calderon

plans to announce a climatechange strategy in the next few weeks that calls for a 50 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025, targeting in particular the country's petroleum and electricity industries.

system that is anticipated to raise \$300-billion in new revenue and set the course for economic recovery.

"History reminds us that at every moment of economic upheaval and transformation, this nation has responded with bold action and big ideas," Obama said, calling climate change, along with health and education, his top priorities for the year ahead.

The Conservatives have pledged to keep pace with Washington both to do what is politically popular and to stay competitive economically, but signs have emerged that Harper's team has not completely changed its stripes.

Asked this week about

threats in the U.S. to ban oil imports from Alberta, Harper insisted Canadian taps would continue to slake the U.S. thirst, regardless of political rhetoric.

It was reminiscent of the diatribes he once reserved for opposition parties urging a carbon tax or Kyoto compliance. This time his target was green U.S. governors like California's Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has passed legislation to outlaw dirty energy sources in favour of cleaner fuels.

There should be no illusion that economic reality will hit those environmental policies pretty hard when one goes to implement them," Harper told CNBC host Larry Kudlow.

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News in brief

TELEVISION Broadcaster CTV Inc. will shut a pair of its television stations in Ontario, citing "the current global economic crisis" and various structural problems facing the

conventional television sector, the network said yesterday.

TASER INQUIRY Robert

Dziekanski posed a real threat to the four RCMP officers who surrounded him and to onlookers at the Vancouver International Airport, one of the officers told the Braidwood inquiry yesterday.

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Former Toronto Argonaut running back Bernard Williams, left, and lawyer John Struthers hug outside a Toronto court yesterday Williams was acquitted of sexually assaulting an aspiring cheerleader.

Tories accused of withholding school funds

NATIVE AFFAIRS The Conservatives withheld funds for badly needed native school construction because the communities were located in opposition ridings, government documents obtained by the New Democ-

rats suggest.

An internal memo advising Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl of the situation caused a furor in the Commons yesterday, with Strahl being reprimanded

for his personal attack on an native school construction NDP critic MP Charlie An-

gus. At issue was a memo advising Strahl that he should be aware of a potential controversy over the lack of action on some

or renovation projects.

The memo implied that, in at least two cases, the lack of action was because the projects were situated in opposition-held ridings.

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British scientist says life doomed by climate woes

Climate change will wipe out most life on Earth by the end of this century and mankind is too late to avert catastrophe, said leading British climate scientist James Lovelock. His apocalyptic theory foresees crop failures, drought and death on an unprecedented scale. **Reuters**

World



Prehistoric fish pioneered sex

Sex has been a fact of life for at least 380 million years, longer than previously thought. Internal fertilization was widespread among prehistoric fish living on ancient tropical coral reefs in the Devonian period, research published in the journal Nature yesterday showed. The discovery sheds new light on the reproductive history of all jawed vertebrates, including humans.

Gitmo abuse has worsened: Lawyer

Abuse of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay has worsened sharply since U.S. President Barack Obama took office as prison guards "get their kicks in" before the camp is closed, according to a lawyer who represents detainees.

Abuses began to pick up in December after Obama was elected, human rights lawyer Ahmed Ghappour said. He cited beatings, the dislocation of limbs, spraying pepper spray into closed cells and on toilet paper, and over-forcefeeding detainees who are on hunger strike.

The Pentagon said on Monday that it had received renewed reports of "(One) could say that these traumatized ... guards were just basically trying to get their kicks in right now for fear that they won't be able to later."

Ahmed Ghappour

prisoner abuse during a recent review of conditions at Guantanamo, but had concluded that all prisoners were being kept in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

"If one was to use one's

imagination, (one) could say that these traumatized, and for lack of a better word, barbaric, guards were just basically trying to get their kicks in right now for fear that they won't be able to later," said Ghappour, a British-American lawyer with Reprieve, a legal charity that represents 31 detainees at Guantanamo.

He stressed the mistreatment did not appear to be directed from above, but was an initiative undertaken by frustrated U.S. army and navy jailers who directly or indirectly blame the prisoners for the injuries and the trauma they suffered in Iraq. REUTERS

Thailand Protest drags on



Supporters of former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra gather outside the Foreign Ministry during an antigovernment protest in Bangkok yesterday. Thai protestors marched to demand that the country's top diplomat quit as their street campaign dragged on for a second day.

Turkish plane crash kills 9

NETHERLANDS A Turkish Airlines plane with 134 passengers and crew aboard crashed in light fog while trying to land at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport yesterday, killing nine people and injuring dozens.

Officials said some 84 people were taken to hospitals, including 25 who were severely hurt, when flight TK 1951 from Istanbul crashed into a field short of a runway at Schiphol, Europe's fifthlargest airport by passenger volume.

Six were in critical condition.

"We cannot say anything about the cause at the moment," acting local mayor Michel Bezuijen told reporters. "The priority ... is providing help and care."



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GM needs second revelation



s General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner steers his beater of a company along the precipice of bankruptcy in a stormy recession, he must pine for the good old days.

I'm not talking here about the 1950s, when GM, with its chrome and fin-encrusted lineup, was one of the world's most dominant corporations. I mean the Great Depression, the gold standard of economic

standard of economic misery, a period when GM somehow managed to stay profitable despite nose-diving sales.

Between 1929 and 1932, GM's North American car and truck production fell 75 per cent and sales revenues dropped 78 per cent. Nevertheless, the company still managed to earn profits of \$248 million US and pay out dividends of \$343 million US. Working capital was trimmed only by \$26 million US and holdings of cash and short-term securities actually grew by \$45 million US

Obviously, it helped that GM didn't have to deal with unionized labour in the worst of the Depression. The United Auto Workers didn't come along until 1935 and, a year after that, kick-started the certification process with sit-down strikes at GM plants in Atlanta and Flint, Mich.

Still, the company had a remarkable tri-

umph in adversity because it was brilliantly managed. GM was a nimble operator, combining innovation with a highly developed system of financial controls and manufacturing processes. Much of the credit for this goes to Alfred P. Sloan Jr., the MIT-trained electrical engineer who assumed GM's presidency in 1923 and didn't let go for nearly a quarter century. GM's strength in adversity, Sloan said in his memoirs, was simply that it could "react quickly" to changing business conditions.

GM revolutionized the fledgling auto industry through the 1920s. Henry Ford may have been the genius of mass production, but it was Sloan and his

management team that shaped the market. GM developed the broad

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model line — "a car for every purse and purpose" — annual model changes, instalment buying (through the 1919 creation of General Motors Acceptance Corp.), and the trade-in.

But in a company that built cars in semi-au-

tonomous divisions, they also introduced stringent cash controls and extreme due diligence when making investments in new products. Sloan's crew also implemented modern inventory and production controls along with regular sales and earnings forecasts. The result, as Sloan described it, was the transformation of a "formless aggregation" into "an integrated, effective enterprise" that ran on the principle of decentralization with co-ordinated con-

GM's Depression-era management structure was a revelation. The company dearly needs another one.





Views

Could you be heartless to your 'faves?'



Shrout

Metro Alberta Publisher

Someone recently asked me, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Trying to be the cool guy, I suggested perhaps my cellphone. Apparently it was the most humorous thing this person has ever heard. Taking the snorts personally, I started thinking. The Secret Service couldn't pry it from Obama's hands, so why would I give it up willingly? Over the last few weeks, my cellphone has risen to presidential status making it easier to justify why I carry one like a sixshooter on my hip! (LOL.) My whole style of communicating has changed over the past couple of years. What am I ABT2 do? My friends think I'm ad-

dicted, but that's not my POV. I am pleased that my thumbs have found a new purpose in life! My smart phone is my life ... my email, telephone, Facebook, and general "thinking companion" ... till death do us part. Can I live without it? A separation of sorts; not for a lifetime, but just 30 days.

Am I crazy? What if it takes me a couple hours to respond to people? Will I miss business deals, memos, or, more importantly ... general office banter and useful gossip! I may be sacrificing the social status I have texted so hard to achieve!

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For instance, before I received my smart phone sitting impatiently at red lights was waste of time ... now they're just not long enough as I finish that last sentence of humorous and sometimes wise prose. I now have a new appreciation for the horns of some of the more exotic cars out there!

My "friends and family" love it when I'm the first to respond to every question, right? That's indeed what makes me so special! And what about photos? I'm pretty sure everyone loves

to see the world from my point of view so I send them proof of my "whereabouts" at whim. They always respond "LOL" or "KEWL!"

Giving up the smart phone may be a great experiment for me, but I'm just not sure I could be that heartless to all my "faves!"

Besides, does this thing even have an off button?

Metro Alberta Publisher Steve Shrout has become proficient with technology and quite often experiences "phantom buzz" when separated from his cellphone.



Worth mentioning

Employee tardiness on rise

One in five U.S. workers say they are late to work at least once a week, according to a survey released yesterday.

The most common excuse is traffic, followed by a lack of sleep and getting children ready for school or daycare, said the survey conducted for Career-Builder.com, an online job site.

Other frequent excuses are problems with public transportation, wardrobe issues or dealing with pets, it said.

One in 10 workers said they are late to their jobs at least twice a week.

Tardiness is on the rise, the survey said. In this poll, 20 per cent said they were late at least once a week. In a similar one taken a year earlier, 15 per cent said so.

The nationwide online survey was taken among 3,259 full-time hiring managers and human resource professionals and 8,038 full-time employees from Nov. 12 to Dec. 1 last year.

The poll also collected outrageous excuses for being late. One person reported having to take a second shower after walking into a spider web. Another said her husband thought it was funny to hide the car keys. Someone else claimed his car's left-turn signal was broken so he had to make all right turns to drive to work

A third of the managers surveyed said they have termi-

nated an employee for being late, it said.

The poll was conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of CareerBuilder.com. Harris Interactive said the results had a sampling error of plus or minus 1.72 percentage points among the managers, and 1.09 points among the employees.

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Merkel wants global ban on bonuses for bad bankers German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in a speech yesterday she wants to see an international ban on bonus payments to bad bankers.

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"There's no way that bankers should be paid a bonus if their business year was bad," she said at the rally north of Berlin. **reuters**



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Broadcaster facing ad revenue shortfall

The Canadian government said yesterday it expects the taxpayer-funded CBC to clamp down on costs amid reports that the broadcaster is facing an advertising revenue shortfall for the coming year.

"We expect the kind of belt-tightening at the CBC as we see with other broadcasters," Deirdra McCracken, spokeswoman for Heritage Minister James Moore, said yesterday.

"The CBC is already receiving over \$1 billion from taxpayers per year.'

Her comments came in response to questions about whether the govern-

"We're not holding our breath for any increase in funding this year."

Karen Wirsig, Canadian Media Guild

ment would be willing to give more money to the CBC, after newspapers reported that the broadcaster may suffer an ad revenue shortfall of up to \$65 million in 2008-09.

McCracken said that Moore has met with network officials, but she did not elaborate on the na-

ture of those discussions. "We're not holding our breath for any increase in funding this year," said Karen Wirsig, spokes-woman for the Canadian

Media Guild, which represents 5,500 employees at the CBC and Radio-Canada. She said the union has

not been notified of pending layoffs. "We're pretty much at

the bone," she said. "Job cuts are going to mean program cuts." Belt-tightening at other

broadcasters such as CTV and Canwest Global has already resulted in job cuts.

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LAYOFFS Ailing telecom equipment maker Nortel Networks Corp. delivered on its plan to slash more jobs yesterday, cutting an-

Workers

• The cuts rep- as it fights resent roughly to survive 10 per cent of Nortel's work- cover of force of more bankruptthan 30,000.

3,200 workers worldwide under the cy protection.

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None of the laid-off employees will get severance payouts, which Nortel suspended when it filed for bankruptcy protection last month, a company spokesman said.



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Quebec Caisse loses \$39.8B



Quebec Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget speaks about the losses of the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec in Quebec City yesterday. Canada's biggest pension fund manager said yesterday it lost \$39.8 billion in 2008, hit by tumbling stocks and a depreciating dollar, prompting the provincial government to launch an investigation.



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The New Jersey Devils moved Martin Brodeur off injured reserve yesterday, clearing the way for him to play his first hockey game in almost four months. Brodeur was told by the team he would be returning to the net tonight against Colorado. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Goodell takes big pay cut

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell voluntarily took a cut of 20 to 25 per cent from the \$11-million US salary and bonuses he was to receive in the 2008 fiscal year as a result of the reeling economy. The NFL, which is generally considered to be by far the wealthiest and most financially stable sports league in North America, reduced staff by 169 jobs — or 15 per cent of its workforce — in December.

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Wings win heavyweight tilt | Calgary earns a C

NHL RESULT Sharks 1 **Red Wings** 4

Henrik Zetterberg had a pair of goals as the **Detroit Red Wings halted** the streaking San Jose Sharks with a 4-1 win at Joe Louis Arena.

With the win, the Red Wings now have 88 points, three behind Western Conference-leading San Jose.

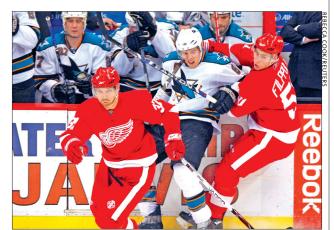
Marian Hossa also scored, continuing his good play against the Sharks. He has scored in each of Detroit's four games against San Jose this season, and finished the season series with four goals and three assists. The teams split the series with regulation wins two apiece.

Ville Leino scored for Detroit, which rebounded from a loss to Minnesota on Saturday to take its third win in four games. Ty Conklin made 34 saves in the for the victory.

Christian Ehrhoff had the lone goal for San Jose, which had its four-game streak snapped. Evgeni Nabokov gave up all four goals on 33 shots in the loss.

Hossa got the Red Wings on the scoreboard first, 6:51 into the game. With Detroit on the power play, his shot from the right circle trickled in between Nabokov's pads.

Then, with time winding down in the first period, Kirk Maltby's shot from the right side got deflected



San Jose Sharks centre Joe Pavelski, middle, is checked against the boards between Detroit's Mikael Samuelsson, left, and Valtteri Filppula last night.

into the air. Leino was on the left side of the crease and batted it into the open net with 3:52 remaining.

The Sharks appeared to have a goal moments later, when a shot from in front

hit the right post, settled into the crease behind Conklin and went over the goal line. The on-ice official ruled it a goal, but a further review nullified it.

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Brodeur back tonight

pated **Future** Watch issue of The Hockey News hits newsstands next week and unfortunately for Calgary fans, it doesn't paint a pretty picture about the strength of the Flames' development system.

The issue profiles each of the Top 10 prospects for the 30 organizations and trumpets the Top 75 overall. A panel of 22 NHL scouts does that analysis.

Calgary has prospects in the Top 75: 2007 first-rounder Mikael Backlund is No. 14 and 2008 first-rounder Greg Nemisz is No. 59.

Calgary's prospect report card grade is C, which ranks 26th. That's based on the Flames Top 10 prospects and their 21and-under NHLers, of which Calgary has none.

The report card grade isn't as bad as it sounds. Future Watch has a handicapping system by which Calgary's selection position the past four drafts is taken into account.

The Flames have an average first pick of 25th overall since 2005 and that ranks 23rd in the league.

So Calgary's report card rank (26th) is subtracted from its average draft slot (23rd) for a minus-three difference from the norm.

Not great, but not terrible.

But it's no secret the Flames have struggled in the department of drafting talent and developing prospects.

The years with Al Coates as GM (1996-99) were lean. Derek Morris (13th) and

Lydman (89th) panned out in 1996, but only an under-achieving Oleg Saprykin (11th in '99) materialized out of 31 picks the next three drafts.

Craig Button came in with excellent scouting credentials, but his three drafting years were so-so. Jarret Stoll (46th) and Travis Moen (155th) from 2000 developed with other teams and Chuck Kobasew (14th in '01) and Eric Nystrom (10th in '02) made it, but with less impact than expected. David Moss (220th in '01) and Matthew Lombardi (90th in '02) were wins.

It's too early to fully assess the Darryl Sutter years, but after a good start (Dion Phaneuf, 9th in '03) there has been a lot of waiting.

Brandon Prust (70th in '04) and Dustin Boyd (98th in '04) look like decent role players, but successive first picks since 2004 have been slow to develop: Kris Chucko (24th in '04), Matt Pelech (26th in '05) and goalie project Leland Irving (26th in '06). Irving dropped out of last year's Top 75 list in Future Watch.

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A-Rod homers as Yanks beat Jays



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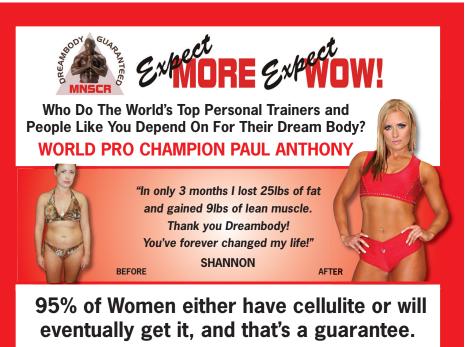
been hit with derision from fans for over a decade now, so yesterday's light smattering of boos and one liners in his first game of spring training was "no big deal."

"I'm just so used to it;

it's been a decade going on now, so I felt relaxed out there and had fun," Rodriguez said after hitting a two-run homer to lead his Yankees to a 6-1 win over the Jays in Dunedin, Fla., yesterday in the Grapefruit League opener for both

Yesterday there was no questioning Rodriguez on the field. He took Jays rookie hopeful Ricky Romero deep on a 2-2 fastball in the fourth to put the Yanks up 3-1.

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Watching our waste within reach

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A lot goes into a new subdivision, a new home, or a renovation. But what about the bits and pieces that don't make the cut? Everything from drywall to wood to scrap metal and assorted fixtures are sent to the dump in large quantities from most building sites. Add to that bricks and stone, appliances, windows and more from demolitions and renovations and it's easy to see that the construction industry contributes to the landfill in a big way.

"Anywhere from 65 to 75 per cent of construction waste is recyclable, and maybe five per cent is being recycled," says Michael Stevens, vice-president of

operations for Smart Site Job Site Services and Management.

Michael and his brother Rob Stevens, president of Smart Site, are working to redirect this waste stream into recycling and reuse. They say changes to tipping fees at the landfill, as well as the always-changing world of recycling, should give a boost to the idea of watching waste more carefully on the construction site.

The main obstacle keeping builders and contractors from watching their waste, say the brothers, is the handling of waste onsite. "Double handling kills," says Rob. "We get a lot of sites where either the trades aren't buying into what you're doing or you're not thinking through the process. When you've got a

lot of double handling you start to get mixing of the products, and it's all downhill from there."

If a builder doesn't properly plan for recycling in advance, then workers end up tossing materials in the wrong bins or bins are not properly provided - and once materials are mixed (metal in with wood in with worst of all — glass, and so on) it's all over. Recycling a variety of materials can also mean trucks in and out of the site, which translates into higher costs, damage to the site and a larger carbon footprint.

Smart Site addresses these issues by sending only one truck in to pick up all the materials, and making it fast and easy for workers to sort the materials in the first place.

"For us it's all about mak-

ing sure that the path is easy and clear, because the trades are like water, they like the path of least resistance," says Rob. "If you can make it easy, you get a much better buy-in."

Does it cost more to be eco-friendly in the building industry? A little, but this cost will soon be offset somewhat by higher tipping fees at the dump. On one project the company has worked on, Calgary's Heritage Pointe, a ranch was dismantled before the community went up. Smart Site recycled 88 per cent of the ranch buildings, sending only 85 tonnes of waste to the landfill, compared to the 600 tonnes that were kept out. All of this only cost the developer about 10 to 15 per cent more, which will soon be offset by tipping fees. **EDITED BY METRO**



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Metro Food Writer

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According to **Mushrooms Canada** (mushrooms.ca), the total mushroom production in Canada is a staggering 105 million kg. White and brown (Crimini and Portabella) make up 90 per cent of the mushroom crop in Canada, the remaining 10 per cent are specialty mushrooms such as

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Mushrooms vary in shape, size, texture and flavour and are much more than a pizza topping.

Asian Chicken Noodle Soup

This colourful and oh-sohealthy recipe, from Foodland Ontario, features Shitake mushrooms. Serve it when feeling a little under the weather or need an immune-enhancing boost. Provide garnishes of green onions, coriander leaves and kick-it-up chili garlic sauce to put in the bottom of deep soup bowls before ladling in soup. Serve with both a spoon and fork (or chopsticks if you're dexter-Makes about 10 cups/2.5 L), 4 servings.



Asian Chicken Noodle Soup.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken thighs, fat
- removed and thinly sliced • 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger • 1 red pepper, cut into
- fine matchstick pieces • 2 carrots, cut into fine
- matchstick pieces
- 2 cups (500 ml) thinly sliced Shitake or crimini mushrooms (remove stems from Shitakes)
- 3 oz (90 g) spaghetti, broken into 4ths (about 1 cup/250 ml) or other thin noodle
- 8 cups (2 l) chicken broth, preferably sodium reduced
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy sauce

Garnishes:

- 6 green onions, thinly sliced on diagonal
- Fresh coriander leaves, about ½ cup (125 ml)
- Asian chili garlic sauce, about 1/3 cup (75 ml)

METHOD:

In a large saucepan, combine chicken, onion, garlic, ginger, pepper, carrots, mushrooms, noodles and chicken broth. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until chicken, vegetables and noodles are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove any foam that forms on sides of pan during cooking with a rubber spatula. Remove soup from heat and stir in soy sauce. Place green onions, coriander leaves and chili garlic sauce in separate

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bowls. Let everyone put their choice of garnishes in their soup bowl. Ladle soup into bowls, adding more garnishes as desired.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.



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Thrifty thirst

orget about country, region, producer or even grape variety; if my email inbox is any indication when it comes to wine, the only thing many of you are interested in during these turbulent times is something to sip on that doesn't drain what's left in your bank accounts.

Blame the economy. As it flounders in a sea of uncertainty even some of the uppity snobs I know (those that usually wouldn't dirty their glass with the likes of a simple quaffing wine) have taken to scanning liquor store shelves in hopes of finding a recession-friendly tipple. Most have discovered that South America is the liquid oasis for those as thrifty as they are thirsty.

As the globe's fifth largest wine producer, value-priced juice is oozing out of Argentina — especially from its major players like Bodegas Trapiche. Its Astica (\$7.45 - \$9.00) line is a constant winner with both the 2007 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon and 2007 Merlot Malbec solid, food-friendly easy-drinkers.

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Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.



For lunch, I chose the Platter for \$7.99.

A bit sloppy but Taco Del Mar satisfies



Taco Del Mar Fifth Ave. Place 420 2nd St. SW Unit 203 (403) 514-0911

Hours of operation: Mon -Fri, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Rating: ●●% Price range: \$ **Reservations:** No **Client negotiations:** No **Lunch w/co-workers:** Yes **Social Lunch:** Yes **Quick solo lunch:** Yes **Time in:** 12:00 p.m. **Ordered:** 12:10 p.m. Food arrived: 12:15 p.m. **Time out:** 12:40 p.m. **Total time:** 40 minutes **Low \$:** Chips and Salsa, \$1.99

High \$: Platter, \$7.99 **Lunch menu:** Main menu **Licensed:** Yes

Finding good, fast Mexican food for reasonable prices can be a difficult thing in Calgary. However, Taco Del Mar has helped quell Calgary's hunger for a quickly made Mexican meal that won't put a dent in the ol'wallet. A big step up in quality from massive chains like Taco Time and Taco Bell, Del Mar offers a more authentically Mexican type of fast food.

Decorated like a California beach bar, Taco Del Mar, or Taco of the Sea, is much more Cal-Mex than TexMex. The California beach vibe thrives on the inside of this small eatery, with pictures of surf-boards, palm trees and surfers adorning the green walls, alongside pictures of some of the food items on

the menu.

Taco Del Mar features large hand rolled burritos and tacos with fresh fixings. Although the freshness leaves something to be desired, it is still decent. The way in which my meal was put together lacked finesse but still tasted good. Nevertheless, for a fast food-style Mexican joint in the prairies of Alberta, it's pretty darn good.

For lunch, I chose the Platter for \$7.99 because of its mix and match options. I picked enchiladas, a taco, refried beans and rice. It was both flavourful and colourful, but it could have been a bit warmer. Extra sour cream and guacamole is \$1.99, but is worth every penny. The guacamole is seasoned to perfection and has just the right amount of cilantro and lime. For my meat filler, I chose the braised chicken to go in both my enchilada and taco, but other meat options include: Ground beef, seasoned pork, carne asada steak, shredded beef and Alaskan fish Other food items available are Mondo Burritos, Taco Salad and Quesadillas, and combos.

The concept of Taco Del Mar, when it was started in Seattle as an homage to surfing, Baja life and beach culture — with fresh food and traditional flavours in mind — is a great one. However, as so often happens in franchising, some of the original fire is gone from Del Mar's belly and without keeping freshness and quality in check, it risks becoming a glorified Taco Bell.

Taco Del Mar is a hopping lunch joint and the lineup that nearly leads out the door indicates that people are quite happy to have a taste of Californian-style Mexican food in Calgary

If only life were so simple ...

Get ready to create more than 330 meals using only five ingredients ... or less. Quick and easy to make, this new must-have cookbook by Reader's Digest Books is bursting with dishes over a massive 704 pages from appetizers to main courses, and even desserts. Metro snagged these two simple recipes from Just 5 Things:



Lamb Kleftiko

In this classic Greek dish, the lamb is sealed in a baking dish and slowly baked until tender and succulent. There are many legends surrounding its invention. According to some, the Greeks learned to make it when they were fighting to free themselves from Ottoman rule. Hidden in the mountains,

Greek soldiers would place all the ingredients in a dish and bury it over hot embers in the ground. No enticing food smells would emerge to let the enemy know their position. Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 lamb chops, cut about ½ inch (1.5 cm) thick
- 12 shallots, unpeeled
- 2 cups (500 ml) dry white wine
- Finely shredded zest and juice of 2 lemons
- 3 tablespoons fresh oregano leaves

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 300°F (150°C/gas 2). Put all the ingredients in a large baking dish. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for about 2 hours, until the lamb is tender.

Remove from the oven. Pour the liquid into a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over high head and cook until reduced by half. Arrange the lamb and shallots in individual serving bowls. Pour the cooking liquid into the bowls and serve hot.



Chocolate and Hazelnut Pots Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 ounces (125 g) semisweet or dark chocolate
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) heavy
- (double) cream
 ½ cup (50 g) roasted and coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (essence)
- 1 cup (250 g) fresh strawberries, sliced

METHOD:

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over barely simmering water. Transfer to a large bowl and let cool slightly. Use a large rubber spatula to mix the cream, hazelnuts, and vanilla into the melted chocolate. Pour the mixture evenly into four serving dishes.

Cover with plastic wrap (cling film) and chill for 15 minutes. Serve with the sliced strawberries.





We've specially selected five great dinner items for the return of a long-time, money-saving abc Country favourite. Join us Sunday to Thursday after 4pm, choose two entrées and enjoy our famous Hot Fudge Mt. Baker to share at no extra charge!



Miller sisters sparkle in London

British actress Sienna Miller and her designer sister Savannah showed off a sparkling line of clothes for the catwalk debut of their Twenty8Twelve label at London Fashion Week late on Sunday. The collection included mini skirts, spray on denim and biker jackets. REUTERS





Coco steps into interviewer role

That Coco Rocha is one smart cookie. The flame-haired 20-year-old Canadian model, who has been tearing up the runways and is a fixture in major fashion magazines, has taken a break from strutting the catwalk this week. Instead, mike in hand and trailing a camera crew, Rocha has been seen conducting television interviews. She is producing an hour-long show on models for E! It's never too soon for a model to start diversifying her career – especially in this tumultuous economy.

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Positively fashionable

London Fashion Week collections showcased a stream of optimism

KENYA HUNT Metro World News

It began in New York with neon bright colors and

boldly glamorous looks, but London kicked the fall 2009 fashion week season's defiantly upbeat energy up a notch.

The city's shorter (only four days long) week had an electric, dare we say, celebratory vibe to it that made a great antidote to increasingly dismal financial headlines. "I've had some really great nights out this week. People are really happy and high-spirited and it makes the fashion stronger," says Markus Lupfer, the designer behind Armand Basi One. Meanwhile,

Yousefzada jokes, "What recession?" John Rocha, who has weathered several economic downturns says that he's feeling more optimistic about the new Obama administration. But Lupfer attributes London Fashion Week's strong note to the fact that its designers already know how to wow on little funds. "London's fashion market isn't as big business as it is in New York, Paris, or even Milan. We've always had less money. It's nothing new to have no money and to find a new way to do a collection without spending millions," he

Here are some highlights from the past week:

ARMAND BASI ONE

Plays on volume in a monotone palette of black and gray were the dominant ideas here from billowing button-down shirts with dolman sleeves and the lowdrop-crotch harem pants. Mix in high waist lines, architectural shapes and broad shoulders and you've got a challenging collection to say the least. But one doesn't come to London for the "sellable."

OSMAN YOUSEFZADA

The designer sought inspiration from Blade Runner, which surfaced in the collection's futurist undertones. Standouts were his clean, minimalist dresses such as a beige long-sleeve dress with a pleated skirt. His trousers, which usually came high-waisted, cropped with wide-legs, were a bit of a harder sell.

AQUASCUTUM

The 155-year-old classic British brand continued fall's obsession with fur, using it as shoulder accents on sophisticated coats and dresses. The color red, another big idea for the season, surfaced later in the show with houndstooth suit, dresses and separates that will probably appeal more to twenty-

and thir-

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things.

LUELLA BARTLEY

Bob Geldof and daughter Peaches sat front row while her sister Pixie walked the runway in a flirty, punky strapless number worn over a textured long sleeve Tee. The celebrity cameo aside, the real standouts came in a series of more tailored looks

in chocolate brown, metallic gold and black such as an easy, A-line skirt paired with a navy cardigan featuring Luella's trademark

polka dots.

in London KENYA HUNT Metro World News **Futurism:** Topshop

Trends from

Fashion Week













The DVD of the hit film Twilight will arrive in stores on March 21. The DVD will include extended scenes, audio commentary by director Catherine Hardwicke, Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, plus music videos from Muse, Paramore and Linkin Park. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment ●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Ladies turn Page

Ladies after more than 20 years. Page is parting company with the remaining members in order to pursue solo projects.

Masterful return of K'naan

Album: Troubadour Label: A&M/Universal

IF THERE'S ANY doubt about which North American country lay can



claim to having the best rappers around, just listen to K'naan's new record and you'll see that Canada wins. Somalia-born, Toronto-based wordsmith Kanaan Warsame's sophomore effort delivers a masterful record of rap, rock, reggae and everything in between. It's loaded with contagious hooks (I Come Prepared), anthemic arenaready hip hop (ABCs) and even a scorching guitar solo by Metallica's Kirk Hammett on If Rap Gets Jealous. With such a strong follow-up effort such as this, it's only a matter of time until the U.S. hands Canada the hip hop crown.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Gentleman Reg

Album: Jet Black Label: Arts & Crafts Rating:

UBER-COOL folks at Arts & Crafts themselves a hip-



pedigree when they signed Gentleman Reg (a.k.a. Reg Vermue). He's been a regular with The Hidden Cameras, and has strong ties to indie rock stars The Constantines. On Jet Black, Reg delivers his most accessible music yet. The album starts out strong with the thumping T-Rexish rock of Coastline sweeping into the uptempo beat and ornamental guitars of To Some It Comes Easy. How can you go wrong with a chorus of "in time I'm going to drink myself into a nursery rhyme?" Reg delivers the knockout punch on track three, playfully partying down with You Can't Get It Back. After that, however, the album proves uneven, at best, with Reg's lisping vocal delivery keeping him firmly on the fringe. At times, it can be alluring. At others, simply annoying.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

DD/MM/YYYY

Album: Black Square Label: We Are Busy Bodies

TORONTO'S DD/MM/YYYY MIGHT have turned some people off with their



rambling sophomore disc Are They Masks?, but hopefully those disillusioned fans will give these guys another chance. Their latest is nearly as wacky and experimental as previous efforts, but it's more grounded in actual songwriting. That's not to say there are standard choruses and verses, but each song does have an accessible theme that anyone can follow. Fortunately, the



K'naan's sophomore album Troubadour delivers a masterful blend of rap, rock, reggae and everything in between

group continues to blast as much noise as possible, with fast fingered riffs and blazing synths leading the

way. Easily one of the best experimental records this year.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Album: Blue Lights on the Run-

Label: Yep Roc/Outside Rating: ##1/2

IT'S HARD TO understand why Irish trio Bell X1 have diehard following.

Their middling rock calls to mind a less mainstream Coldplay or a Radiohead without all the good stuff. Their new disc is definitely an improvement over the banal Flock, but it's not much better. Sweeping electro sounds, high pitched vocals and a mundane keyboard jam on Amelia offer nothing new to Brit-ob-

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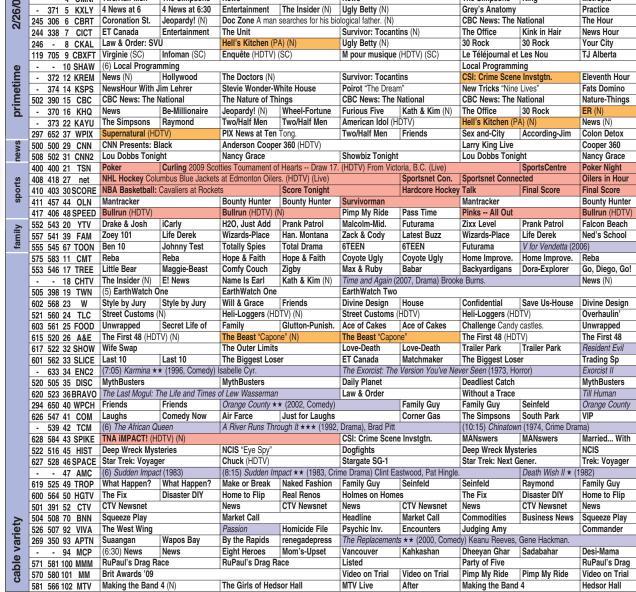
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sessed music fans. They're definitely better and more indie sounding than the Fray or even Chris Martin and Co., but that's not saying much.

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Resident Evil: Apocalypse

No one seriously expects much out of a movie based on a best-selling video game, but not even the gameboyz who turned the original "Resident Evil" into a modest box-office hit will find much to enjoy in this 2004 sequel, which doesn't even try to sustain a coherent story line or engaging characters. It's all just mindless, redundant violence, and not even creative violence at that. Not even action babes Milla Jovovich and Sienna Guillory can stir up much excitement. 11 PM on SHOW



Insert your own"egg on their faces" joke here. In this new episode, the chefs must feed breakfast to 50 hungry members of a youth football and cheerleading program. That's challenging enough even without ingredient issues, but when one team runs out of eggs, things get really interesting. And by "interesting" we mean "disastrous." 8 PM on

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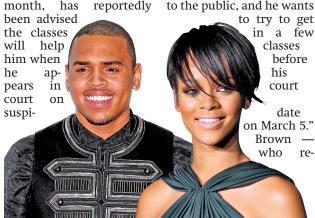
Art seems to imitates life on the set of True Blood, usmagazine.com reports. Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer — who are romantically linked on the HBO vampire series — are a couple off screen as well. "We are together," Moyer told TV Guide Magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Brown in anger management classes? Brit's ex charged

LEGAL Chris Brown is taking anger management lessons, femalefirst.co.uk al-

The Run It singer, who allegedly beat up his girlfriend Rihanna earlier this month, has reportedly



cion of making criminal threats next month, the website reports.

A source said: "Chris doesn't actually have to go by law, but he believes it will make him look better

21-year-old Rihanna has a to try to get in a few bad temper and the pair had several heated arguments before the incident in Brown's car on Feb. 7, on March 5."

the website alleges. The source added to the New York Daily News newspaper: temperamental, They're both too hot-head-

ed for their own good. "It did-

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cently released a statement

saying he was "sorry and

saddened over what tran-

spired" — is believed to

have attended his first

class in California on Mon-

It has also been claimed

"Rihanna is

help that Rihanna grabbed the keys out of his rented Lamborghini and threw them down the street. She knew it would really infuriate Chris, and it worked."

It is believed the Barbados-born beauty will be required to appear at her estranged lover's court trial, forcing the pair to see each other for the first time since Chris was arrested.

The source explained: "Rihanna will be there, she has to testify. If Chris is convicted, it would be his first offence. He won't go to prison."

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in hit and run

LEGAL An arrest warrant has been issued for Britney paparazzo Spears' boyfriend to face felony charges of trying to avoid a process server — with the help of some German engineering, people.com reports.

According to L.A. prosecutors, the victim was serving a temporary restraining order, obtained by Spears' father, at Adnan Ghalib's apartment complex in Encino on Feb. 11 when Ghalib got into his Mercedes and drove it toward the victim.

To avoid being pinned against a trash truck, the victim jumped on the 🛭 hood and hung on as the car swerved, eventually falling off and breaking his wrist, among other injuries, the district attorney alleges. Ghalib allegedly drove away without stopping, the website adds.

Real-life vampire love

Ghalib was slapped Tuesday with three felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon, hit-andrun and battery, all worth up to seven years in prison if convicted. The charges

include special allegations: Use of a deadly weapon — a car — and great bodily injury. Prosecutors are asking bail be set at \$110,000. METRO

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Rosie on menopause, **Madonna and beer**

PEOPLE Rosie O'Donnell has been emailing back and forth with Madonna about menopause, she reveals in an interview on The Tyra Banks Show to air today tomorrow. magazine.com reports.

"(Madonna's) great, she's a lot like a big sister," O'Donnell says. "When I O'Donnell says. started having my hormone things, I'm like,

Marilyn and

Evan back on?

RELATIONSHIP Marilyn Man-

son and ex-girlfriend Evan

sparked speculation their

relationship is back on af-

ter the two were allegedly

seen leaving a hotel in Los Angeles hours before

Wood was to appear at the

Oscars. The rocker report-

edly called the actress his "girlfriend" before the two

climbed into a car togeth-

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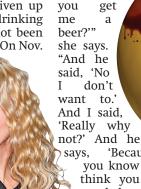
Rachel Wood have



mer View host doesn't hold anything back when talking about her body.

"Well let me tell you one thing, Tyra: I am about to be 47 next month and Aunt Flow has not shown up for nine months," she says.

Other changes in O'Donnell's life? She's given up booze. "I stopped drinking on Dec. 1. It has not been easy," she admits. "On Nov.



and

I said

to him,

'Park, can

get

'Because you know what, I think you drink too much beer ... Lately I think it's too much."

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For full contest rules and details, **Jonas Bros.** love Rick, Prince

The Ionas Brothers are obsessed with Rick Astley,

ports. The musical trio are big fans of the '80s British singer and regularly cover his most famous hit.

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Kevin Jonas said: "A big one for us that we sing all

the time is Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up. Have you ever seen him, by the way? His voice does not match his body."

The band — which also features Nick and Joe - also revealed they are desperate to win a Grammy Award and dream of touring with Purple Rain singer Prince.

Kevin added: "I think to perform with Prince would be incredible. I think that would be one of the best things of all time.'



Anne and Jen's war of words

FEUD Looks like a little quip may have gotten Anne Hathaway a new nemesis: The Rachel Getting Married star was overheard joking to friends, "I'm like Jennifer Aniston. I pick the wrong guys," according to the National Enquir-

When word got back to Aniston about it, she was reportedly less than pleased: "Say what you like ... I've never dated con men or criminals,' Aniston is said to have said, referring to Hathaway's ex-fiancé, an Italian businessman snagged by the FBI last vear.

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Weight worries over Lindsay

PEOPLE Michael Lohan is concerned about his daughter Lindsay Lohan's weight loss.

"Lindsay goes through her fluctuations in weight for different roles she's in, and travelling and what she's eating and taking care of herself. I'll talk to her about it. I'll see what's going on," he told Good Day Philadelphia. But that might be difficult, since their relationship "has been a little strained because of her relationship

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Kate and Owen: Still just friends?

RUMOUR On-again off-again couple Kate Hudson and Owen Wilson were spotted chatting cozily on a park bench in Paris after taking a bike ride around the romantic city.

There's no word on the state of their relationship, but experts at the Mirror think that the pair's body

still just friends. METRO

language suggests they're

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Bacon is Julia's biggest vice

PEOPLE Like many people, actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus admits she struggles when it comes to maintaining her weight, people.com reports. "I have to work at

not being fat," the former Seinfeld star, 48, tells Shape.

Balance be-

tween indul-

her stay slim — and sane. She admits to keeping a stash of chocolate in her desk, and says "My biggest food vice is bacon ... In fact, I don't keep bacon in my house — that would be way too tempting.'

gence and discipline helps

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Must love shoes: Keira

PEOPLE Keira Knightley is a little brooding and someattracted to men with good shoes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Duchess star, who has been dating actor Rupert Friend for three years, said: "I go for someone who is

body you can have a good conversation with, a good fight with, who will always keep you guessing and make you laugh. And he has to have good shoes."

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- 18 Unhealthful atmosphere
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- 22 Heavy weight
- 23 Tasseled topper
- 24 Hipsters' jargon 27 Engrave
- 32 Oklahoma city
- 33 Peeples or Vardalos

- 34 Gist
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- 38 Predicate part
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- 45 Tidbit
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- 50 Bill's partner
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- 54 That girl
- 55 Have coming 56 Vortex
- 57 Raw rock
- 58 Colouring agents

Crossword down

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- 5 Violin virtuoso Niccolo 6 "Simpsons" storekeeper
- 7 Carte
- 8 Brooding, angry look
- 9 Periodical
- 10 Always
- 11 Requisite 19 Collins of "MADtv"
- 21 Cpl.'s subordinate
- 24 Boxing tactic 25 Altar affirmative
- 26 Tramp

- 28 Diarist Anais
- 29 Native American leader
- 30 Plant sticker
- 31 Recede
- 36 "Beverly Hillbillies" role
- 37 Permit
- 38 Heterogeneous
- 41 Crooner Don
- 42 Mature
- 43 Supplemented, with "out"
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- PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU	SOLVE	TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius 13-17 min.....Scholar
- 17-21 minSmart 21-25 minNot bad 25+ min.....Keep practising

Steak with Puttanesca Sauce

Metro Recipe of the Day

INGREDIENTS:

25 g (half a can) anchovy fillets, drained

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) low-fat milk 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil 1 red onion, roughly
- chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1 red chili pepper, deseed-
- ed and finely chopped 12 oz (350 g) cherry
- tomatoes, halved 2 tbsp (25 ml) bottled capers, rinsed
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano 4 lean round steaks (about
- 4 oz/115 g each) **METHOD:**

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1. Lay anchovies flat in small dish, spoon over milk and leave to soak while you begin preparing sauce.

2. Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in large, ridged frying pan, add onion and cook gently 3-4 minutes until soft 3. Stir in garlic and chili pepper, then add

tomatoes, capers and

oregano. Drain and discard milk from anchovies, roughly chop anchovies and add to sauce. Stir and cook gently 5 minutes or until the tomatoes are lightly cooked. Tip sauce out into bowl and set aside while cooking steaks.

- 4. Rinse out pan and reheat. Brush steaks lightly on both sides with remaining oil and season with black pepper. Place steaks in hot pan and cook over medium-high heat 2-3 minutes per side for rare or 4-6 minutes per side for medium.
- 5. Pour sauce over steaks in pan and heat through, then serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Share your secrets with a special person. Lessons are learned by a whining victim. Open your

eyes to a pawn in a crazy game.

LIBRA

one.

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Your denial of reality won't sit well. An obsession shows a different side of you. Your concept of freedom will surprise every-

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TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Relatives are aware of an unexpected crisis. Common sense will disturb a scoundrel. Don't give up on any romantic thoughts.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A stranger will appreciate your work. Let a good love change your life. Be rational, amusing, clever and cheerful no matter what happens.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Take the time to make a sensational change. The final days of a business are looming. A mischievous guy gets a reward.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21 A conman was hurt by your remark. An optimistic attitude develops after noon. A newcomer is delayed by an error

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

You're in the mood to listen to an adviser. This isn't the right time to say something stupid. Someone takes the path of least resistance.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Emotional people will need assistance. A wounded friend reminds you to forgive a woman. Pack up and move away from a sad situation.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Pay attention when something smells fishy. Rely on a phone call to correct a mistake. Refuse to lose sight of the truth.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The cause of a profitable disturbance is revealed. Wish for an excellent dream to come true. A loved one reveals your destiny together.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

An overjoyed person reveals that something's up. Shocking events are caused by financial problems. A surprise phone call causes discomfort.

PISCES

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